



Supervisor Biddle soon to schedule his first Town Hall Meeting



Residents hear uplifting message from Supervisor Biddle regarding Juneteenth, Father's Day

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Domestic Partnership Approved

Supervisor Biddle Co-Sponsors Resolution

The Board of Supervisors approved resolution authored by Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic to extend health benefits to domestic partners of Milwaukee County employees by a vote of 13-5.

"This is about treating employees fairly and making civil rights gains in Milwaukee County," Biddle said.

"Milwaukee County is one of the last local governments not already offering this tool. It's a fair price to pay for equal rights."

The resolution now heads to County Executive Chris Abele for his signature. The benefit will be made available to county employees through open enrollment and will take effect on January 1, 2012. The benefit applies to both same and opposite domestic partners (who are certified via state requirements) and their dependents.



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Sup. Biddle Tours Goodwill Industries

Says he's pleased with company's commitment to employment

Supervisor Biddle, along with his colleague Supervisor Jim "Luigi" Schmitt, toured a local Goodwill Industries International Inc. location in Milwaukee.

Goodwill services are designed to meet the diverse needs of youth, seniors, veterans, individuals with disabilities, those with criminal backgrounds, and many other specialized needs.

"Due to high unemployment among African-American males in my district, I'm happy we have organizations such as Goodwill to help people find jobs and provide for their families," said Supervisor Biddle. "It is crucial to make sure that folks in the 10th district, and throughout Milwaukee County, have access to these services."

The Goodwill Workforce Connection Center offers comprehensive job search assistance for residents. On-site interview and computer access services are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Goodwill at (414) 353-6400.



Supervisor Biddle and Supervisor Schmitt tour Goodwill Industries

Salvation Army's Feed the Kids Event

Supervisor Biddle helps prepare food for needy children

Supervisor Biddle participated in the Salvation Army's Feed The Kids event at Red Arrow Park. The event was aimed at getting the community to devote a half-hour of their time to prepare 2,000 bag lunches for the Feed the Kids mobile summer lunch program.

The Supervisor said he was pleased that residents from the 10th District and other communities in the area were able to lend a hand for what he called a very worthy cause. The program has provided 1.5 million lunches to needy children since it began in 1990.

Message from the Supervisor

Dear Friends,

Since I was sworn in on April 21, I have made it a point to hit the ground running for the residents of the 10th district. I will use my e-newsletter as a way to reach out to you, my constituent. I know who I work for.....YOU! Please do not hesitate to contact my office if I can be of assistance to you and your family.

Eyon Biddle, Sr. Milwaukee County Supervisor, District 10

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TOWN **HALL** **MEETING**

Please be on the lookout for Supervisor Biddle's 1st Town Hall meeting since he was elected. He plans to discuss various top priorities related to the upcoming county budget including job creation, economic development, public transportation, public safety, and environmental protection of our public parks.

Supervisor Biddle Empowers Local Teens

On June 22nd, Supervisor Biddle spoke to a group of over 40 teenagers at St. Charles Youth and Family Services. He spoke on his personal story and the importance of community involvement. He told them that a strong community is the key to a strong city, state, nation and world. "We must inspire all of our young people to be the best they can be," said Supervisor Biddle.

Supervisor Biddle is scheduled to speak to the teens again Wednesday, August 3rd at 11:00 AM.

Youth Talent Showcase

Supervisor Biddle joined neighbors, friends and family at the Youth Talent Showcase held at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Center on Independence Day.

The event provided quality family entertainment for 10th district residents and included live performances from local creative &

talented young people.



Supervisor Biddle, along with his daughter, Maya & Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett at the King Center 4th of July Youth Talent Showcase

Alice's Garden Juneteenth Celebration

Sup. Biddle spends Juneteenth, Father's Day in the 10th District



Supervisor Biddle talks to local residents

Supervisor Biddle was on hand for the 1st annual Alice's garden Juneteenth celebration. Located in the heart of the 10th district, Alice's garden is an urban agricultural project in Johnson's Park that offers families and community organizations rental plots for personal and collective gardening. Alice's Garden also works in conjunction with Walnut Way to promote a healthier lifestyle for the community. An avid champion of history, Supervisor Biddle touched on the struggle of carrying his ancestor's

legacy by providing a better future for children. He also used the celebration, held the same day as Father's Day, to talk about the vital role fathers play in the lives of today's youth.

Supervisor Biddle says he looks forward to working with Alice's Garden in the future.

County Board Approves Sweeping Changes to Employee Leave Policy

Supervisor Biddle applauds efforts to save taxpayer dollars

The Milwaukee County Board recently approved an ordinance that will force all returning county employees to re-earn any sick or vacation time. Previous policy allowed employees to come back with all the unused time they left with.

"This is definitely a long-needed reform that I believe taxpayers are yearning for," said Supervisor Biddle.

The Board also approved a limit to county employee vacation time carried over into the following year to 56 hours, with any excess vacation time forfeited after that. Previous policy allowed up to half of the vacation time to be carried over, if it's used in the first six months of the following year.

This change will take place beginning January 1, 2013.

Supervisor Biddle Honors Local Philanthropist & Community Newspaper

Supervisor Biddle presented Milwaukee County Board citations congratulating both Ruth Hana and the Milwaukee Community Journal.

Tenth district resident Ruth Hana is a retired Milwaukee County Clerk who, over 17 years, collected over 1,000,000 cans and donated \$45,000 in proceeds to various charitable organizations.

The Milwaukee Community Journal received congratulations on their 35th anniversary. Supervisor Biddle thanked the newspaper for being a great media resource in the community and giving African-Americans a voice they don't receive in mainstream media.



County Board Urges State to Waive Birth Certificate Fee

Supervisor Biddle indicates his strong support for proposal

By an overwhelming 18-1 vote, the County Board passed a resolution authored by Supervisor Nikiya Harris and co-sponsored by Supervisor Biddle urging the state of Wisconsin to allow Milwaukee County residents to obtain Birth Certificates free of charge if they are used for the purposes of obtaining a photo identification for voting.

"It was a shame that the Governor and some state lawmakers chose to pass the voter suppression bill, but hopefully they will honor our request to allow people to more easily exercise their constitutional right to vote," said Supervisor Biddle.

The new state voter ID law takes effect in 2012.